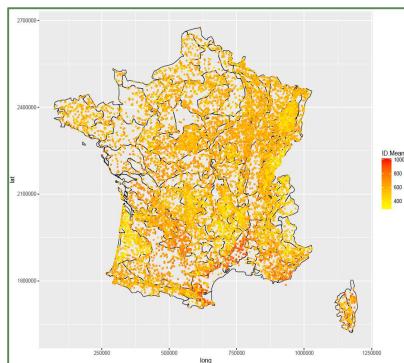


Analysis and modelling of the wood density variability of the French forest species for the assessment of the forest biomass under climatic change

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- Forest resources are increasing in France and in Europe
 - Sweden, from 1500 millions m³ up to 3000 millions m³ within one century
 - France, from 1350 millions m³ up to 2600 millions m³ within half a century
- Changes are on forest areas, species forest composition, forest growth, ownership, management, under climatic change

New basic knowledge is required to understand the processes behind these changes

- NFI surveys are well suited for the acquisition of new knowledge
 - They provide annual forest information, their financial support is safe, additional information can be obtained at low additional cost, they have data management
- We introduce in the French NFI an innovative process aiming at collecting,
 - during four consecutive years
 - all the increment cores sampled by the NFI field staff
 - for the measurement of their wood density, shrinkage, moisture content etc.



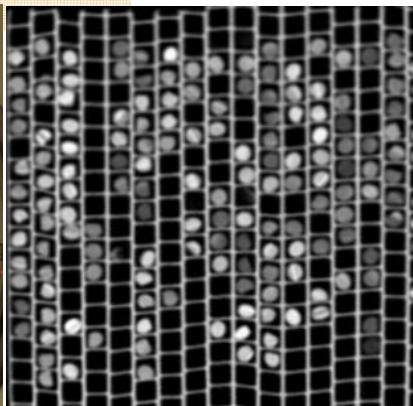
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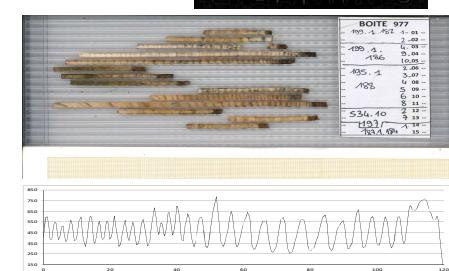
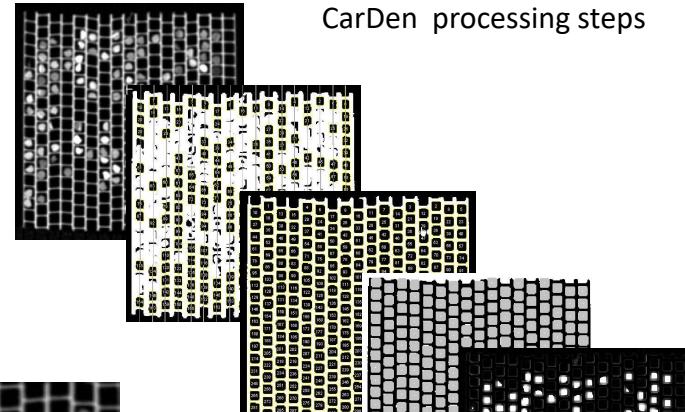
Low cost method for the wood density measurement of 30000 increment cores/year

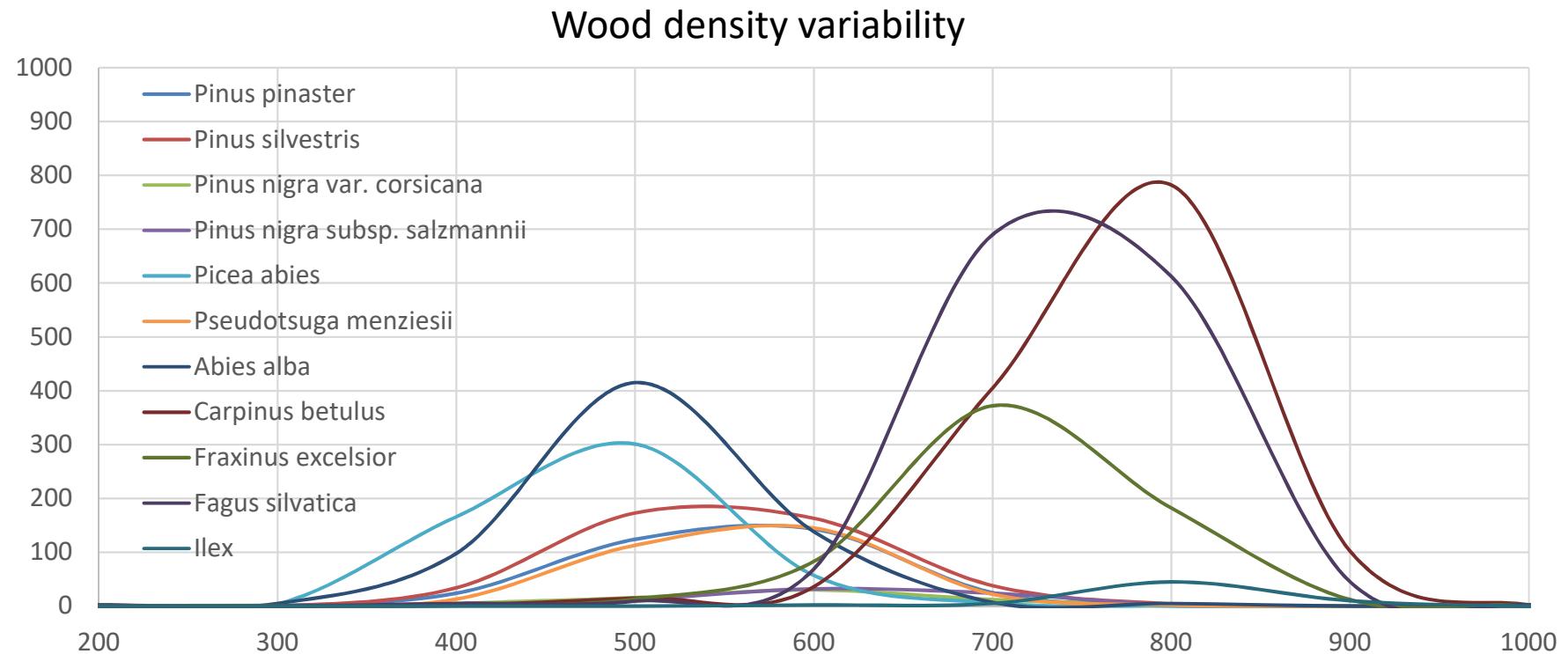


In hospital, the Xray scanning of 9000 cores is performed in one hour



Scan of 1530 cores (15*17*6), Section of a bench of 17 core boxes

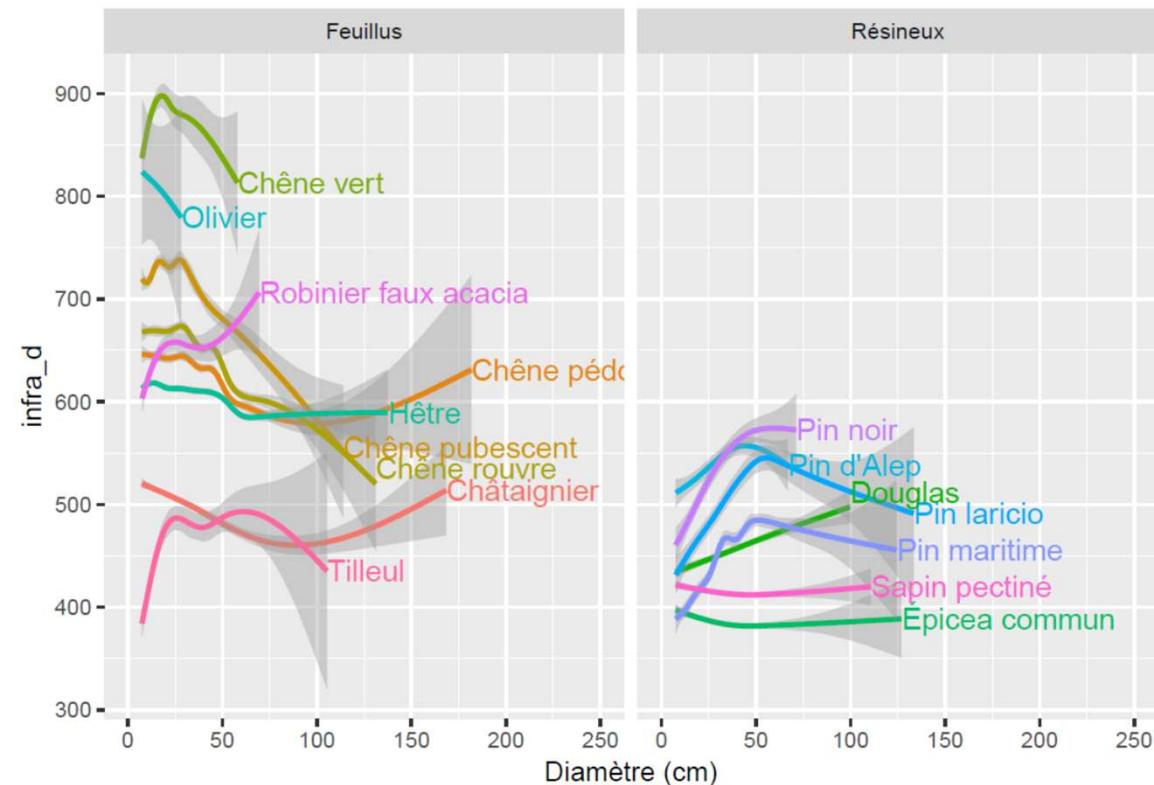




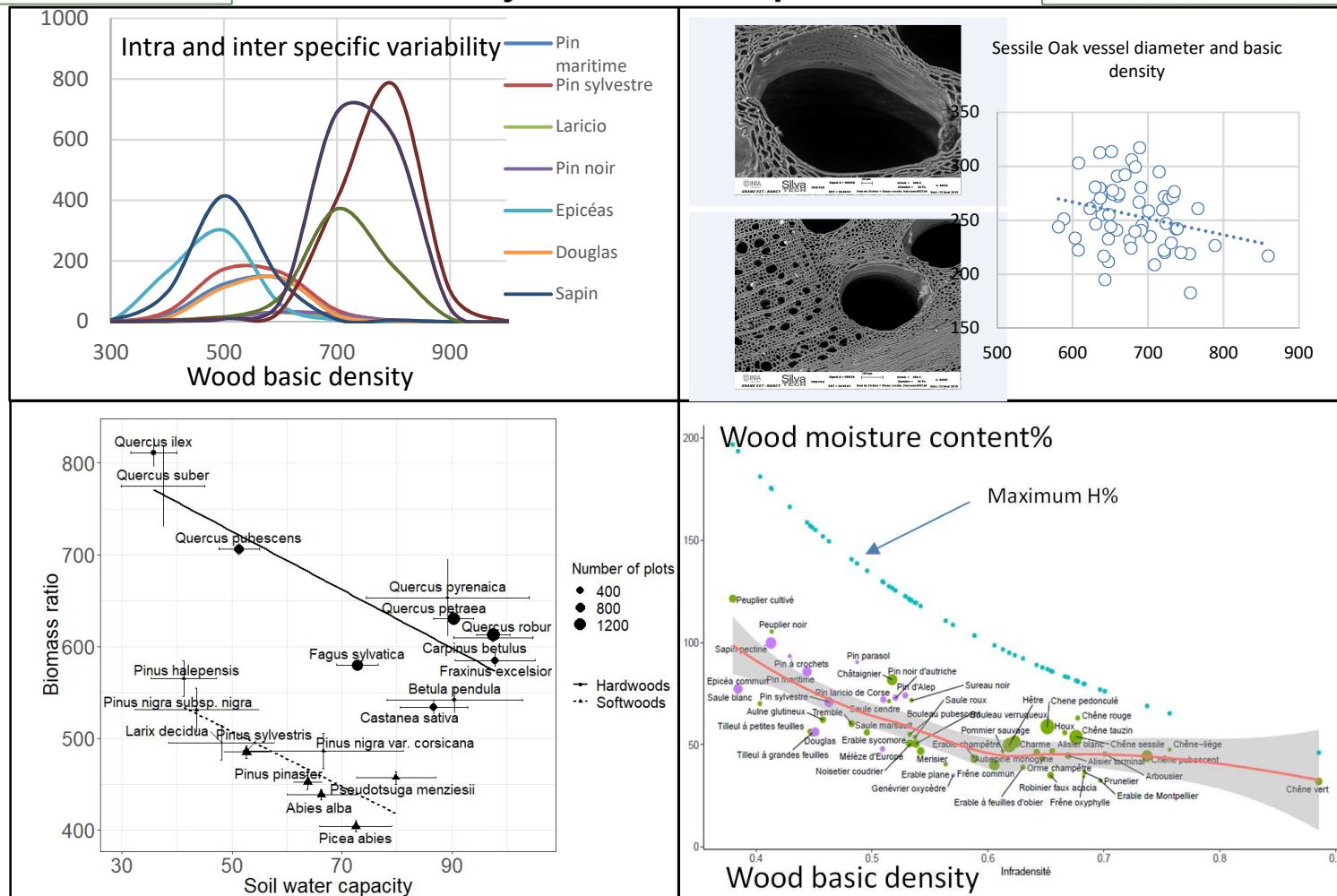
Results, examples

- Average tree wood density varies with tree DBH
- The pattern of variation is species dependant
- Wood density models are in progress

Wood density variability



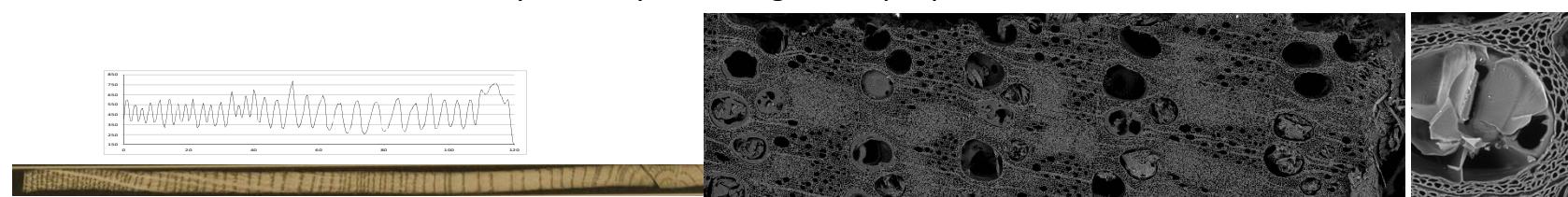
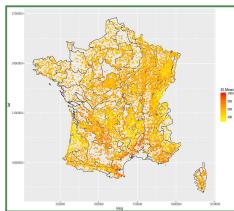
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Conclusions

- Results
 - Xylotheque for all the 130 French forest species (110 000 cores)
 - Wood density data base (wood density profiles, shrinkage, moisture content, wood anatomy), implemented in the NFI data base
- In progress
 - Models of forest biomass variations = f (management, ownership, location, climate, stand age, species)
 - Wood anatomy variability along the different ecological gradients
- Perspectives
 - Simulation of the forest biomass increments variations under climatic change scenarii
 - Wood chemical properties including mineral content
 - Improving our understanding of the climate change effects on the biomass variations at the scale of the whole French forest ecosystem, by including wood properties in forest inventories



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- Supplementary material

